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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/850,679; Filed: May 2, 1997
For: Preparation Of Extended Shelf-Life Biodegradable, Biocompatible
Microparticles Containing A Biologically Active Agent
Inventors: Michael E. Rickey *et al.*
Our Ref: 00166.0063.0002

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by inventors Rickey, Ramstack, and Lewis;
3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by inventor Mesens;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO-1449 (four pages);
6. 30 cited documents;
7. Return postcard; and
8. Our Check No. 149780 for \$ 2,034 to cover:

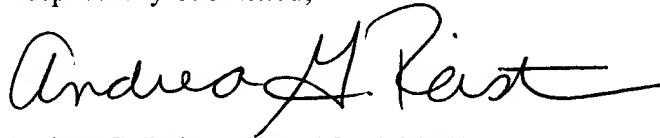
\$ 790 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrea G. Reister". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" and last name "Reister" clearly legible.

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